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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON FAO CODES OF PRACTICE

1. NMFS, NOAA, COMMERCE REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE FORWARDED TO JAMES BROOKER, STAFF SPECIALIST, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., WHO IS ATTENDING THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION MEETING IN ROME APRIL 19, 1978. HE IS LODGING AT THE HOTEL MASSIMO D'AZEGLIO.

2. COMMENTS ON FAO CODES OF PRACTICE FROM ROBERT LEARSON:

A. IN GENERAL, THE CODES ARE REDUNDANT. THE CRAB, LOBSTER, AND SHRIMP CODES ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL EXCEPT FOR THE FEW PARAGRAPHS RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO THE SPECIES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE CRAB CODE OF PRACTICE ALL OF SECTION III IS TAKEN FROM THE LOBSTER CODE. IN SECTION IV, ONLY 7 OF THE 62 PARAGRAPHS ARE SPECIFIC FOR CRABS, SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 10 PERCENT.

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B. THE CODES DO NOT, FOR THE MOST PART, GIVE ENOUGH TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO THE USER TO SET UP A PROCESSING FACILITY FROM SCRATCH. THERE ARE SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES FOR DIFFERENT SPECIES THAT IN MANY CASES CANNOT BE GENERALIZED FOR A GROUP OF SPECIES.

C. THERE IS NO METHOD IN THE PRESENT CODES FOR OUTLINING

NEW TECHNOLOGY OR NEW PROCESSING CONCEPTS.

D. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE SECTIONS ON BOATS,  
FACILITIES, AND SANITATION GUIDELINES BE ELIMINATED AND  
GENERALIZED INTO ONE CODE, AND THE SPECIES CODES BE  
EXPANDED TO INCLUDE MORE SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMA-  
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